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NEAR EAST - AFRICA

1. Tanker reportedly arrives at Iranian port: A 10,000-ton tanker, believed to be American, arrived at Bandar Mashur on 9 August, 25X1C The National Iranian Oil Company has been expecting a tanker of this size, and International Enterprises, a firm which is trying to promote various oil deals, is expecting three American-flag tankers in August. (C S/S Tehran 604, 10 Aug 52)

Comment: Iranian press reports at the end of July that several tankers had arrived at Iranian ports have not been confirmed, 25X6

WESTERN EUROPE

2. Russians may be trying to force West to de facto recognition of East German Government: The Russians may now be trying to set a precedent for East German "autonomy" in dealing with West Germany and the Western powers. Soviet General Dengin's recent reply that Allied requests for more daily trains to West Berlin would be "referred to the East German authorities" appears to be evidence of this trend.

Allied officials in Berlin advised the Russians that they assumed that the Soviet Control Commission had "issued the necessary instructions" to the East Germans. American observers in Frankfurt, however, believe that the Russians may be trying to force the West into giving de facto recognition to the East German Government.

With this interpretation, the Soviet move tends to corroborate earlier reports that the East Germans expect to receive increased jurisdiction over matters previously subject to four-

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power control and agreement. Although such authority will hardly be granted prior to ratification of the West German contractual agreement, further Soviet moves to establish the appearance of East German sovereignty are probable. (Factual data from: R Bonn 591, 8 Aug 52; [redacted])

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3. Italy protests extension of Yugoslav laws to Zone B of Trieste: The Italian Foreign Office has formally protested to the United States, France, and Britain the recent extension of several Yugoslav laws to Zone B of Trieste. Referring to Italy's "repeated proofs of goodwill" in the matter of an Italo-Yugoslav agreement over Trieste and Yugoslavia's failure to show a spirit of cooperation, it emphasized that no Italian government could accept this latest Yugoslav action.

The American Embassy reports that the Foreign Office's note expressed the hope that the United States would intervene to effect the restoration of the administration of Zone B within "the limits of legality" and to call the Yugoslav Government's attention to the possible serious consequences on the relations between the two countries. (S S/S Rome 612, 8 Aug 52)

Comment: It is unlikely that Italy's protest, which had been anticipated by American officials, will be followed by demonstrations and disorders in either Italy or Trieste in the near future.

Both Italy and Yugoslavia are still unwilling to make concessions regarding Trieste that would permit a bilateral settlement. In the face of strong irredentist feeling at home and the national elections scheduled for next spring, the Italian Government finds it necessary to take a strong stand on Trieste.

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